

**Description:**

The Idaho Women's Commission provides education and advocacy for women and families. Its mission is to encourage women to increase their participation in the social, governmental,, and economic progress of their communities.

**Major Functions and Targeted Performance Standard(s) for Each Function:**

1. Gather and disseminate information on legal, social, legislative, economic, and educational issues for women and families.
  - A. Increase number of contacts and activities planned with Idaho citizens and organizations impacting women and families, and media by 5 percent yearly.

Actual Results			
1998	1999	2000	2001
4,355	4,950	5,185	4,800
Projected Results			
2002	2003	2004	2005
5,040	5,292	5,556	5,833

- B. Increase number of "Women and Laws" booklets printed/distributed by 10 percent each time it is revised and printed, this includes e-mail.

Actual Results			
1998	1999	2000	2001
11,000	10,000	11,000	11,000
Projected Results			
2002	2003	2004	2005
not printed	12,000	not printed	13,000

- C. Increase number of information and referral telephone calls and internet contacts received by Commission office by 5 percent yearly.

Actual Results			
1998	1999	2000	2001
492	1,058	1,146	1,146
Projected Results			
2002	2003	2004	2005
1,203	1,263	1,326	1,392

2. Increase commissioner, public, and legislative involvement on behalf of women and families in Idaho.
  - A. Increase number of contacts and activities with legislators by 5 to 10 percent yearly.

Actual Results			
1998	1999	2000	2001
349	450	475	584
Projected Results			
2002	2003	2004	2005
522	548	575	603

- B. Increase the gathering and dissemination of legislative information to Commissioners and public.

Actual Results			
1998	1999	2000	2001
301	400	530	556
Projected Results			
2002	2003	2004	2005
584	613	643	675

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C. Increase commissioner volunteer hours on behalf of women and families by 5%/year.

Actual Results			
1998	1999	2000	2001
	1,400	1,720	1,400
Projected Results			
2002	2003	2004	2005
1,470	1,543	1,620	1,701

D. Increase the amount of grant money and donations received by the commission to help fund projects by 10%/year.

Actual Results			
1998	1999	2000	2001
	\$5,795	\$9,000	\$2,500
Projected Results			
2002	2003	2004	2005
\$2,625	\$2,756	\$2,893	\$3,038

#### Program Results and Effect:

Commission members and the Director meet with individuals and community-based groups around the State (and country) that provide services and advocacy efforts for women and their families. The Commission shares information and plans collaborative programs, such as educational workshops on finances, small business, personal development and legal issues. The Director takes statewide information and referral calls on the Commission's toll-free telephone line on issues ranging from starting a new business to divorce and domestic violence. Commissioners have collected hundreds of referral sources from each of their geographic regions for the Director to utilize. The toll-free number is listed in the telephone directories of five major Idaho cities and is listed on a web site home page for the Commission. The booklet produced by the IWC, "Idaho Laws, a Guide for Women and Families" provides invaluable information to all Idahoans on a large range of legal issues that impact women and their families. This booklet is published about every 2 years with the help of grants secured by the IWC. The 2000 revision includes legislative changes and has also been published in Spanish. Commission members track legislation and state agency activities that impact women and families. They communicate Commission positions to legislators and provide legislative information to women and family organizations. As a result, women and families of Idaho are represented by legislative advocates and are better informed about the legislative process. The overall effect of this program is to improve the lives of women and children in Idaho. Education is the key component in assisting women to better provide for themselves and their families. The IWC continues to network with agencies that assist women and families transition from welfare to self-sufficiency. The Commission seeks to provide any needed information to the Legislature on issues that would impact women and families.

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